

**MARION COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE
PLAT NAMING POLICY**

The naming of subdivision plats in Marion County must conform to ORS 92.090(1) which states:

"Subdivision plat names shall be subject to the approval of the County Surveyor or, in the case where there is no County Surveyor, the County Assessor. No tentative subdivision plan or subdivision plat of a subdivision shall be approved which bears a name similar to or pronounced the same as the name of any other subdivision in the same county, unless the land platted is contiguous to and platted by the same party that platted the subdivision bearing that name or unless the party files and records the consent of the party that platted the contiguous subdivision bearing that name."

To clarify this statute, the following policies are adopted:

1. If a proposed subdivision is adjacent to an existing subdivision and proposes to use the same name, the subdivider(s) must either be the same, or acquire a notarized affidavit from the subdivider(s) of the adjacent plat and record the affidavit with the County Clerk. A recorded copy must be provided to the County Surveyor prior to name approval being granted.
2. Geographical Names - Names that are indicative of a specific area such as a region or a city may be used a maximum of five (5) times. A portion of the plat name must be significantly different. Examples of allowable names are "Humbug Mountain Estates", "Humbug Mountain Park", "Humbug Mountain Woods". Once there are five plat names that begin with "Humbug Mountain", no further use will be allowed.
3. Similarly, the use of other words such as "Fir", "Oak", "Green", "Sun", etc. will be governed by the same rules. Examples of allowable names are: "Sun Down", "Sun Gate", "Sun Ridge". The use of "Sun Ridge Estates" would not be allowed when a subdivision has previously been recorded as "Sun Ridge".
4. No subdivision shall begin with "A", "The" or other similar words or use the words "Subdivision" or "Plat" in the name of the subdivision.
5. Initials will not be allowed in subdivision names.
6. Condominium names must also state the word(s) "Condominium", "Condominiums", or "a Condominium".
7. Planned Unit Development subdivisions need to state the words "Planned Unit Development" or "PUD" in the name of the subdivision.
8. Phases in subdivisions shall be as follows:

For the first phase	Oak Hills
For the second phase	Oak Hills, No. 2
For the third phase	Oak Hills, No. 3

Since the subdivision planning process is generally very lengthy, subdivision names may be reserved with the County Surveyor for a period of two (2) years by the completion of a Subdivision/Condominium Name Request Form.

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